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RESPONSE

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Sir:

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2003.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 14-17 and 34-37 were allowed; and claims 28-33 were rejected. With this Response, no claims are amended and claims 28-33 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Section three of the Office Action indicated that claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burns et al. (U.S. Patent 5,970,430) in view of Eryurek et al. (U.S. Patent 5,828,567, referred to as Eryurek I). With respect to this claim, the Office Action asserted that Burns et al. teaches a method of providing diagnostics on a fieldbus process communication loop, but do not explicitly mention "indirectly coupling diagnostic circuitry to the fieldbus process communication loop." The Office Action then further asserted that the Eryurek reference teaches "a technique of indirectly coupling diagnostic circuitry to a process control system, wherein a